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SLANDER THINLY VEILED.

How One Kansan Told Another What He Thought of Him.

A curious story comes from Kansas, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat, of a man who wanted to tell a neighbor what he thought of him without laying himself open to a suit for damages. So he hit on the plan of sending him each day a postal card with only one word written on it in a large hand, in addition to the date obscurely tucked away in one corner. The person receiving the cards recognized the handwriting, and, suspecting something, kept them until they stopped coming, when he read them consecutively in the order of their reception. What he read was: "Ridiculous old Bill Jones is the meanest cuss in town," and he at once instituted a suit for slander against the sender. The latter's lawyer, however, called attention to the fact that the postal card contained "ridiculous," though mailed first, was dated the day after the date of the card having the word "town." Moreover, a careful inspection would show that after the word "ridiculous" was an exclamation point, and after this word "town" was an interrogation mark, so that the series of postal cards might be made to read: "Old Bill Jones is the meanest cuss in town? Ridiculous!" He claimed, therefore, that instead of slandering the plaintiff, his client had defended him from slander, and this plea was sustained by the court. But, all the same, everybody in town insisted that the first reading of the cards was the correct one, so that the writer attained his object.

LAI'D ON THE TABLE.

But the Bill Represented Not Ideas But Real Money.

Early the other morning the pages of the house of representatives held a mock session of the house. They elected the oldest page speaker, organized, received a message from the senate and from the president in strict parliamentary style and unanimously adopted a resolution increasing their salaries from \$75 to \$350 a month. The proceedings were interrupted by Jerry Constantine, a house telegraph operator, who appeared on the floor waving a dollar bill and demanding recognition. "I move that the gentleman's bill be laid on the table," said a boy from Ohio. The motion prevailed, and Constantine was dragged to the bar of the house and forced to act in accordance with the motion.—Troy (N. Y.) Times.

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